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CO2 for 6 hr, 0.225 ml of OPTI-MEM containing 20% FCS was added to the cultures. Cell extracts were prepared 48h after transfection and assayed for firefly and renilla luciferase activity as described by the manufacturer (Dual luciferase reporter assay system, Promega Corporation). Small peptides including the HD1 (such as hLgs/Bc19(199-392) or hLgs/Bc19(279-392)) strongly inhibit Arm-Tcf transcriptional activity. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 5. (Amended) The nucleotide sequence according to claim 4, wherein said nucleotide sequence comprises the sequence as shown in Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:1).

Claim 7. (Amended) The nucleotide sequence according to claim 6, wherein said nucleotide sequence include the sequence as shown in Figure 10A (SEQ ID NO:16).

Claim 8. (Amended) A nucleotide sequence comprising at least 50% homology to (a) the nucleotide sequence or stretches of the nucleotide sequence as shown in Figures 2 (SEQ ID NO:1) and 10A (SEQ ID NO:16) or (b) complements or fragments thereof.

Claim 28. (Amended) The compound according to claims 25 and 26, wherein said compound is a small peptide comprising the sequence homology domain 1 of figure 7B (SEQ ID NOs:2-3) or domain 2 of figure 7B (SEQ ID NOs:4-5).

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING:

Please add the Sequence Listing filed simultaneously herewith.